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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR
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AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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DAKAR FOR RDO SCHOONOVER FROM CHARGE
BAMAKO FOR BANJUL AID OFFICER BROOME
SECSTATE FOR AID

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID GA
SUBJ: EXPECTED PL-480 TITLE II SHIPMENT TO BANJUL OF 1000 MT
SORGHUM

REF: DAKAR 2594

1. OUR LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT DELTA BRAZIL WILL BE ARRIVING
IN BANJUL APRIL 22. RDO WILL RECALL PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE HERE
IN OCTOBER 1977 WHEN US GRAIN SHIP ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED AND ON
A WEEKEND.

2. I FEEL IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT FFP REPRESENTATIVE BE AVAILABLE
IN BANJUL SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF DELTA BRAZIL, AND ALSO
DURING AT LEAST EARLY STAGES OF UNLOADING. ANY NUMBER OF CON-
TINGENCIES ARE LIKELY TO ARISE AT THAT TIME WHICH OUR LIMITED
PERSONNEL RESOURCES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER ADEQUATELY. AT
THIS MOMENT IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT BROOME WILL BE IN TOWN
APRIL 22. IN ANY CASE, HE CANNOT BE SPARED FOR FULL-TIME
ATTENTION TO FFP SHIPMENT.

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3. PER REFTEL, WE HAVE INFORMED BRECKWOLDT THAT FFP REQUESTS
ITS SERVICES TO SUPERVISE DISCHARGE. IMPLICATION REFTEL (PARA 3)
THAT FFP REPRESENTATIVE WILL NOT BE SENT HERE FROM DAKAR UNTIL
GOTG FULFILLS PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS IN UNACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER,
FORTUNATELY, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED GOTG DISTRIBUTION PLAN DATED
APRIL 11, COPY OF WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO FFPO RUSBY IN OUR
APRIL 13 POUCH TO DAKAR. WE SUGGEST THAT GAMBIA EX-PCV MCLAURIN

BE DETAILED HERE AT TIME OF SHIP'S ARRIVAL. HE WORKED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN THE GAMBIA FOR OVER 2 YEARS AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL SCENE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROD GOTG FOR OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS, BUT WOULD POINT OUT THAT SHIP IS COMING, GRAIN WILL BE DISCHARGED, AND ONWARD MOVEMENT FROM WHARF AREA WILL TAKE PLACE. THESE ACTIVITIES REQUIRE US MONITORSHIP WITH OR WITHOUT GAMBIA-PRODUCED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. WYGANT

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